

# CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR

Celebrations 2025













### The magic of Christmas at Sopwell House

Delicious festive delights in the restaurants, extravagant themed parties in our function suites or simply indulgent residential escapes for the family, there is something for everyone this festive season.

Let Sopwell House be your home from home, with warm service and genuine hospitality.









# FESTIVE LUNCHES & DINNERS



# FESTIVE DINING IN THE BRASSERIE

Start your Christmas celebrations early this year with a relaxed festive meal in our atmospheric and vibrant open-planned Brasserie.

#### Available from:

Monday 1st to Tuesday 23rd December 2025

#### Three course lunch:

Adults £39.00 per person
Children (4-12 years old) £19.50 per child
Children (0-3 years old) Dine free

Lunch: Monday to Saturday, 12.30pm - 3.30pm

#### Three course dinner:

Adults £45.00 per person Children (4-12 years old) £22.50 per child

Children (0-3 years old) Dine free Dinner: Sunday to Friday, 6.00pm - 10.00pm









## FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA

Available between 1st and 24th December, our popular Afternoon Tea is served with a magical festive twist.

£44.00 per person

£57.00 per person with a glass of Taittinger Champagne Children (4 - 12 years old) £22.00



## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**



#### JOINER PARTY

Join the party and book a table or two with friends or colleagues to celebrate the festive season.

Joiner Party dates to be released in September

#### Package includes:

- Welcome drink
- Festive three course sit down dinner
- 1/2 bottle of wine per person
- DJ and dance floor
- Christmas novelties and decorations
- White chair covers and sash
- Tea, coffee and mince pies

#### £109.00 per person



#### MAKE A NIGHT OF IT!

Bed & Breakfast from £289.00 per room (single or double)

Call 01727 750466 for more information.

### PRIVATE PARTIES

- Welcome drink
- Festive three course sit down dinner
- 1/2 bottle of wine per person
- DJ / Party host and room hire\*
- Christmas novelties and decorations
- White chair covers and sash
- Tea, coffee and mince pies

£109.00 per person Monday to Wednesday £119.00 per person Thursday to Sunday

\* Minimum numbers apply

# PRIVATE FESTIVE LUNCHES

Join colleagues at Sopwell House for a lunchtime celebration

#### Package includes:

- Welcome drink
- Two course festive menu
- Christmas novelties and crackers
- Tea coffee and mince pies
- Room hire

#### From £69.00 per person

Available Monday 10th November - Friday 19th December. Minimum numbers apply.





## CHRISTMAS EVE



## A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS EVE

#### **AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS**

The evening begins in the St.Alban suite with Carol singing and a sparkling canapé reception.

After dinner, continue your festive celebration listening to your favourite Christmas hits and soul songs, performed by our much loved "Soul Singer".

#### What to Expect

Lively festive ambiance, with 1/2 bottle of wine paired by our sommelier to complement the meal. Mineral water for the table.

#### Schedule

Welcome Reception: 7.15pm

Dinner: 8.00pm

Live musical entertainment throughout the evening

Carriages: 10.30pm

Dress Code: Smart casual

Adults £119.00 per person
Junior (13-17 years old) £89.00 per junior
Children (4-12 years old) £59.00 per child
Children (0-3 years old) Dine free

Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times

#### Christmas Eve Celebration

#### **Starters**

#### Tuna tartare

Mango, chilli and spring onions, yuzu dressing, sesame cracker

#### Winter mushroom salad (ve)

Miso marinade, pickled onions, chestnut purée, watercress, pine nut dressing

#### Aylesbury duck liver parfait

Apple and blackberry chutney, brioche

#### **Main courses**

#### Brixham seabass

Provençal vegetables, basil essence

#### West country lamb

Spinach, fondant potato, navarin garnish, rich lamb jus

#### Roasted artichoke and courgette risotto (v)

Courgette fritters, confit lemon, salt dried chickpeas

#### **Desserts**

#### Baileys cheesecake

Smooth coffee ganache

#### Matcha tiramisu

Green tea crémeux

#### Warm spiced Bramley apple cake (ve)

Vegan cinnamon cream

Coffee and petit fours



### CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH - ST ALBAN SUITE

#### **AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS**

Join us for a special Christmas Day lunch event for all the family, with live music. The event begins with an arrival glass of champagne and canapes for all adults.

#### What to Expect

Delicious five course Christmas lunch with 1/2 bottle of wine paired by our sommelier to complement the meal. Mineral water for the table.

Special visit from Father Christmas with a gift for the children Dress Code: Smart casual

#### Schedule

Arrival 12.45pm for 1.30pm lunch

Adults £230.00 per person
Junior (13-17 years old) £170.00 per junior
Children (4-12 years old) £115.00 per child
Children (0-3 years old) Dine free

Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times



### Christmas Day Lunch – St Alban Suite and The Brasserie

#### **Starters**

Velouté of celeriac, green lentil and sage soup (ve)

Diced winter vegetables

#### Laphroaig cured scottish salmon

Compressed cucumber, cucumber gel, tonka bean mayonnaise,

#### Mosaic of quail and goose liver

Rainbow carrots, pistachio, trompette mushrooms, quince chutney

#### **Basil and Granny Smith sorbet**

#### Main course

#### Spiced turbot

Tenderstem broccoli, curried cauliflower puree, mango relish, herb oil

#### Suffolk bronze turkey

Cranberry and orange stuffing, duck fat roast potatoes, roast root vegetables, Brussels sprouts, pigs in blankets, chestnuts, roast gravy

#### Hereford beef fillet 28 days aged

Crushed Jerusalem artichokes, buttered spinach, horseradish emulsion, baby vegetables, Madeira sauce

#### Sopwell House vegetarian haggis (v)

Roast root vegetables, braised sweetheart cabbage, chestnut, cranberry jus

#### **Desserts**

#### **Traditional Christmas pudding**

Brandy sauce

#### Dulcey chocolate and raspberry mousse

Crispy chocolate biscuit and raspberry whip

#### Tonka bean panna cotta

Mulled wine poached fruits, honey cake

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British cheese board, trimmings

Coffee and mince pies



### CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH - THE BRASSERIE

#### FOR CHRISTMAS RESIDENTS ONLY

Residential guests are invited to join us in The Brasserie for a traditional five course Christmas Day lunch.

#### What to Expect

A delicious five-course Christmas lunch with 1/2 bottle of wine per person, paired by our sommelier to complement the meal. Mineral water for the table.

#### Schedule

Special visit from Father Christmas with a gift for the children

Sittings: 12.30pm - 2.30pm Dress Code: Smart casual

Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times











# CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER - THE BRASSERIE

#### **AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS**

Indulge in a delicious Christmas-inspired buffet dinner.

#### What to Expect

Enjoy a buffet in The Brasserie or just take what you fancy to enjoy in the more laid back atmosphere of the Conservatory.

Dress Code: Smart casual

Adults

Junior (13-17 years old) Children (4-12 years old)

Children (0-3 years old)

£85.00 per person £85.00 per junior £50.00 per child Dine free







## **BOXING DAY**



# RELAXING JAZZ LUNCH - ST ALBAN SUITE

#### **AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS**

Enjoy a leisurely Boxing Day in our grand St Alban Suite, the perfect occasion to catch up with friends and family. Our spectacular lunch buffet is one of the main showpieces of the festive calender for Sopwell House, with a huge variety of freshly prepared culinary delights, live jazz band and a very relaxed vibe for the whole family.

#### What to Expect

Relaxed, fun and informal with live jazz music to add a sense of swing to the occasion.

#### Schedule

Arrival between 12.45pm and 1.45pm

Food: Extravagant buffet lunch

Drink: 1/2 bottle of wine per person paired by our sommelier to complement the meal and mineral water for the table.

Dress Code: Smart casual

Adults £125.00 per person

Juniors (13-17 years old) £100.00 per junior

Children (4-12 years old) £65.00 per child

Children (0-3 years old) Dine free

Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times





# BOXING DAY DINNER - OMBOO

### AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS

Join us this Boxing Day evening, with a set menu full of delightful dishes inspired by the flavours of Asia.

#### What to Expect

Lively atmosphere in Omboo, with a beautifully curated set menu designed to showcase the very best of Omboo cuisine. Includes glass of sake per person to complement the meal and mineral water for the table.

#### Schedule

The Octagon Bar is open for guests who wish to purchase pre-dinner drinks

Seating: 7.00pm - 9.00pm Dress Code: Smart casual

Adults £120.00 per person

Juniors (13-17 years old) £110.00 per junior

Children (4-12 years old) £70.00 per child



Boxing Day Dinner - Omboo

edamame, sea salt (ve) cloud ear, balsamic (ve)

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mango salad (ve) lime, fresh greens

prawn tempura sushi roll avocado, japanese mayo

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roasted Chilean seabass soy sauce

braised lamb shank soy, kombu, Japanese rice wine

baby gem (v)
black bean sauce

A5 wagyu fried rice egg, edamame beans

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sesame and adzuki bean cheesecake (v) black sesame ice cream

mango and kaffir lime pannacotta pistachio





# RESIDENTIAL



# CHRISTMAS RESIDENTIAL PACKAGES - KEY INFORMATION

Our special residential packages include accommodation in a Plush bedroom, delicious food accompanied by wine, fizz and family entertainment for the duration of your stay.



From 2.30pm

#### **Christmas Day Arrival**

Arrive from 12.00pm in time for Christmas Day lunch

#### Leisure & Spa Facilities

Christmas Eve: 7.00am - 7.00pm

(The Club at Cottonmill opening at 8.00am)

Christmas Day: 7.00am - 6.00pm

(The Club at Cottonmill opening at 8.00am)

Boxing Day: 7.00am - 7.00pm

(The Club at Cottonmill opening at 8.00am)

New Year's Eve: 7.00am - 7.00pm

(The Club at Cottonmill opening at 8.00am)

New Year's Day: 8.30am - 8.00pm

#### **Treatments**

Available on 24th & 26th (from 9.00am - 5.30pm)

Available on 31st Dec & 1st Jan (from 9.00am - 6.30pm)

#### **Children Swimming times**

Cottonmill Pool 9.30am - 12.30pm (Christmas day only)







# RESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS PACKAGES





#### TWO NIGHT PACKAGE

Arriving on either the 24th or 25th December with full programme as described including food, beverages and entertainment.

#### Adults

£950.00 per person (arrival 24th December) £995.00 per person (arrival 25th December) Price based on sharing a double or twin room.

Single Supplement £75.00 per night
Children (4 - 12 years old) £530.00 per child
Juniors (13 - 17 years old) £740.00 per junior
Price based on sharing a room with the adult/s.

#### Children in own room

£615.00 per person (arrival 24th December) £655.00 per person (arrival 25th December)

#### Juniors in own room

£785.00 per person (arrival 24th December) £840.00 per person (arrival 25th December)

**Children** (O - 3 years old) Dine & stay for free Based on sharing a room with an adult/s. Upgrades are available.

#### THREE NIGHT PACKAGE

Arriving on 24th December with full programme as described including food, beverages and entertainment.

#### Adult

£1350.00 per person

Price based on sharing a double or twin room.

Single Supplement £75.00 per night Children (4 - 12 years old) £795.00 per child Juniors (13 - 17 years old) £1110.00 per junior Price based on sharing a room with the adult/s.

Children in own room £915.00 per child

Juniors in own room £1140.00 per junior

**Children** (0 - 3 years old) Dine & stay for free Based on sharing a room with an adult/s. Upgrades are available.







### RESIDENTIAL PACKAGES - CHRISTMAS EVE

Once you have checked in on Christmas Eve, relax and make yourself at home with Afternoon Tea in the stunning setting of Omboo. Enjoy an indulgent spa treatment, or journey into St Albans for some last minute Christmas shopping.

#### Schedule

#### 2.30pm

Arrival of Christmas Eve two night & three night package guests.

#### 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Enjoy an Afternoon Tea with a selection of cakes and snacks freshly prepared by our pastry team, with special sweet treat selection for children.

#### 7.00pm

Mingle and meet fellow guests and join in the Christmas carol singing while savouring a sparkling reception with canapés.

#### 7.15pm

Make your way to the St Alban Suite for a delicious three-course Christmas Eve celebration, in the company of the "Soul singer."



# RESIDENTIAL PACKAGES - CHRISTMAS DAY

#### Schedule

#### 8.00am - 10.00am

Enjoy a relaxed and hearty buffet breakfast in The Brasserie.

#### 9.30am - 12.30pm

Children swimming time in Cottonmill pool.

#### 11.00am

Take a leisurely walk through our beautiful landscaped gardens, let the kids burn off some steam playing on the lawn.

Exploring the grounds - please bring wellies or sensible walking shoes. Walking maps available from reception.

#### 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Christmas Day lunch in our relaxed Brasserie. Father Christmas will bring a gift for the children. Menu on page 8.

#### From 7.30pm

Enjoy a scrumptious Christmas-inspired buffet dinner in The Brasserie.





#### **BOXING DAY**

#### Schedule

#### 8.00am - 10.00am

Enjoy a relaxed and hearty buffet breakfast in The Brasserie.

#### 11.00am

Relax in the spa or walk in the grounds – please bring wellies or sensible walking shoes. Walking maps available from reception.

#### 12.45pm - 4.00pm\*

Continue your Christmas celebrations with a Jazz lunch in the St Alban Suite.

#### 8.00pm dinner\*

Boxing Day dinner in Omboo - an Asian inspired tasting and sharing experience, and sake to enjoy with family and friends.

\*Not included for guests departing on the 26th December. However we would be delighted to accommodate guests wishing to extend their stay - please enquire for prices.



## ROOM UPGRADE SUPPLEMENT CHARGES

(\*) Classic Bedroom not eligible for Club access on New Year's Eve stays

(\*\*) Includes access to The Club at Cottonmill spa facilities, including the Garden Room, the Whisper Room and Deep Relaxation Room, for those joining us on residential packages.





#### PRICES PER ROOM PER NIGHT

Chic	£60.00
Classic (*)	£110.00
Suite (**)	£370.00
Corner Suite (**)	£420.00

#### **MEWS UPGRADES (\*\*)**

Studio	£370.00
One Bedroom Mews Suite	£420.00
Duplex	£420.00
Studio with outdoor hot tub	£490.00
One Bedroom Mews Suite with outdoor hot tub	£540.00
Duplex with outdoor hot tub	£540.00





# NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS



# NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION - ST ALBAN SUITE

#### **AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS**

We are hosting a fitting evening of indulgence where you will be treated to a gourmet banquet, party atmosphere and live band to get everyone into a celebratory mood to welcome in 2026.

#### What to Expect

Get into the party mood with our dazzling live showcase band and lively party atmosphere followed by our fireworks extravaganza at midnight. Includes 1/2 bottle of wine paired by our sommelier to complement the meal. Mineral water for the table and a glass of Champagne for welcome reception and fireworks.

#### Schedule

Welcome Champagne reception at 7.00pm

Lavish Dinner: 8.00pm Carriages: 1.00am

Dress Code: formal party attrire

Adults: £250.00 per person Juniors (13–17 years of age): £190.00 per junior Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times









#### Starters

#### Cornish crab

Compressed melon, cucumber ketchup, lovage

#### Smoked beetroot tartare (v)

Candied walnuts, stilton mousse, nasturtium

#### Ballotine of duck liver

Pickled beetroot, Madeira jelly, toasted brioche

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#### Sopwell gin and tonic sorbet

#### **Main course**

#### Wild sea bass

Mustard crust, potato terrine, creamed leeks, red wine sauce

#### Hereford beef fillet

28 days aged braised beef shin, fondant potato, English onion, parsnip and caraway puree, Bordelaise sauce

#### Plant based cumin lamb filo parcel (v)

Grilled aubergine, romesco sauce

#### **Desserts**

#### Valrhona dark chocolate & praline mousse

Brownie, passion fruit sorbet

#### Mango panna cotta

Tropical salsa

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British cheese board, trimmings

**Coffee and petit fours** 

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# NEW YEAR'S EVE THE BRASSERIE



## NEW YEAR'S EVE BRASSERIE CELEBRATION

#### **AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS**

Join us for a New Year's Eve celebration in the more relaxed ambience of The Brasserie. This is the perfect event for those that want to catch up with friends, and family members.

#### What to Expect

Enjoy a welcome glass of Champagne before a five course meal in a relaxed and informal environment, with mineral water for the table. After dinner, party with our resident DJ until champagne and fireworks at midnight, followed by more dancing.

#### Schedule

Seating from 7.00pm DJ: 10.00pm - 1.00am

Dress Code: Smart Casual / Party

Adults: £160.00 per person Juniors (13–17 years of age): £140.00 per junior









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#### Cornish crab

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#### Smoked beetroot tartare (v)

Candied walnuts, stilton mousse, nasturtium

#### Ballotine of duck liver

Pickled beetroot, Madeira jelly, toasted brioche

Sopwell gin and tonic sorbet

#### **Main course**

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#### Mango panna cotta

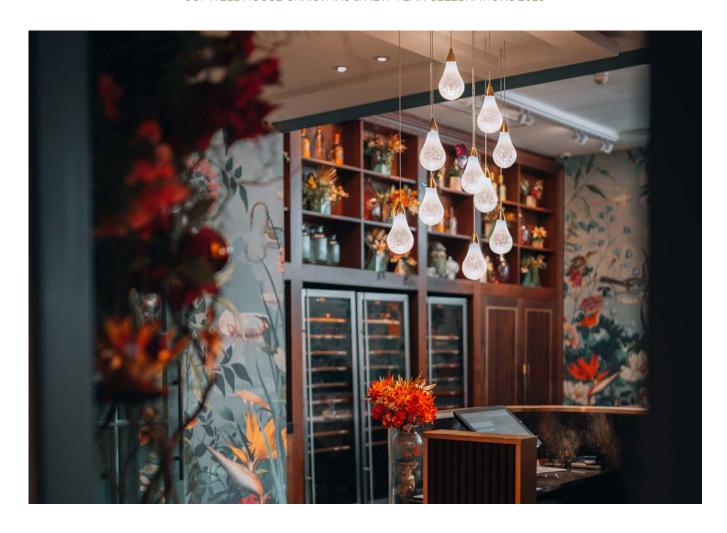
Tropical salsa

British cheese board, trimmings

**Coffee and petit fours** 







## NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER - OMBOO

Herald in the New Year with our special Asian inspired menu. After dinner, continue the party atmosphere with live DJ, pausing only to enjoy spectacular fireworks at midnight.



#### What to Expect

Curated dining experience in our beautiful Omboo restaurant with lively atmosphere followed by our resident DJ, culminating in a fireworks extravaganza at midnight. Includes mineral water for the table, a welcome glass of Champagne and a glass of Champagne for fireworks.

#### Schedule

Seating from 7.00pm DJ: 10.00pm - 1.00am

Dress Code: Smart Casual / Party

Adults £160.00 per person Juniors (13-17 years of age) £140.00 per junior

# Exclusive Special Accommodation Rates for Diners

Relax in the knowledge of being able to party all night and book a luxurious overnight stay. See page 25 for more details.

### New Year's Eve Dinner - Omboo

edamame, sea salt (ve) cloud ear, balsamic (ve)

Korean chicken bao bun spicy crispy chicken, gochujang sauce

salmon & tuna sushi sashimi, avocado, cucumber, mayo

A5 wagyu beef tataki citrus ponzu sauce

sakura lamb chops tobanjan sauce

grilled pink prawn garlic butter, Sansho spice

baby pak choi sauteed greens, soy sauce

lobster braised noodle apple cider, soy sauce

Omboo fried rice edamame, oriental olive, egg

raspberry, lychee and white chocolate delice

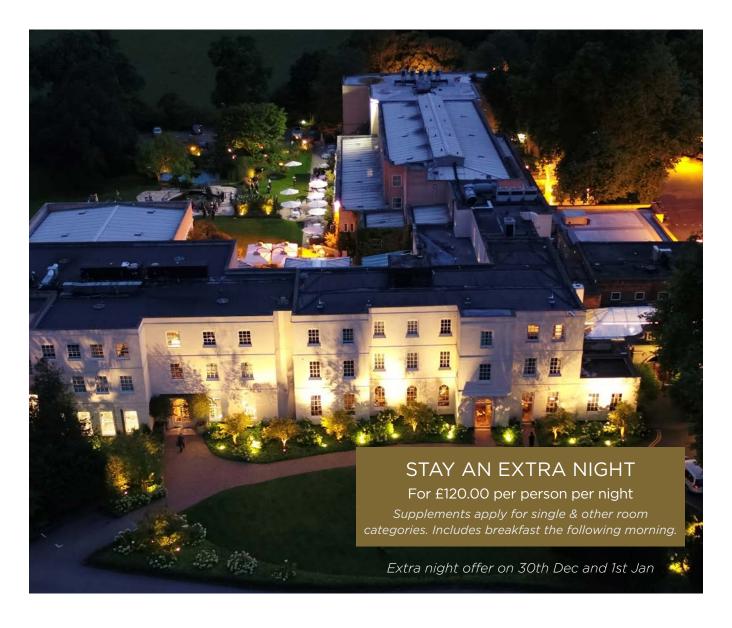
Omboo tiramisu (v)

pistachios









# RESIDENTIAL PACKAGES - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Enjoy an amazing one night break in the Hertfordshire countryside with our New Year's residential package, including a one night stay in a Plush bedroom with breakfast, dinner and plenty of merriment.

#### Leisure & Spa Facilities

New Year's Eve: 7.00am - 7.00pm (The Club at Cottonmill opening at 8.00am)

New Year's Day: 8.30am - 8.00pm (The Club at Cottonmill opening at 8.00am)

Treatments: Available from 9.00am - 6.30pm (Available on 31st Dec & 1st Jan)

The Club at Cottonmill facilities are included for guests staying in a Corner or Mews Suite.

#### WITH DINNER IN ST ALBAN SUITE

Adults £425.00 per person Juniors £295.00 sharing with parents

£365.00 in own room

#### WITH DINNER IN BRASSERIE

Adults £360.00 per person

Juniors £245.00 sharing with parents

£330.00 in own room

#### WITH DINNER IN OMBOO

Adults £360.00 per person

Juniors £245.00 sharing with parents

£330.00 in own room

Upgrades are available, please see page 18.

All prices based on two adults sharing a Plush bedroom per night. Single occupancy supplement of £135.00 per room per night.





#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- Full payment is to be made at time of booking. All provisional bookings for the Christmas Residential Package (hereinafter referred to as "the Event" 2025) are considered enquiries and only confirmed when full payment is received.
- Cancellations are fully refundable free of charge up until 5pm 1st December 2025 and must be made in writing. Bookings cancelled after 5pm on the 1st December 2025 cannot be refunded or have the funds transferred for the use of other products or services at the hotel.
- Any alterations to bookings must be made in writing and subject to confirmation by the hotel
- All details are correct at time of going to press and may be subject to alteration without prior notice.
- 5. All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT at the prevailing rate.
- No service charge is applied to pre-booked packages. A
  discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added for any food
  and beverage items outside of the Event. Any additional services
  must be paid for at the time.
- 7. Children 3 years and under stay and dine for free. 4-12 year olds are classed as children for the purpose of the event, and are charged accordingly. 13 to 17 year olds are classed as Juniors and will be charged accordingly. Soft drinks will be substituted in place of alcoholic drinks for all children.
- 8. The hotel requires a full residential address for all persons who will be attending the Event at the time of booking. In the event that a person is unable to attend the Event due to national, or local restrictions imposed by the government or local authority, that clearly and obviously effect their ability to legally attend the Event, then a full refund will be made.

- All pre-orders of menus must be provided to the hotel no later than the 10th December 2025, otherwise Chef's choice will apply. Any bookings taken after the 20th December will be Chef's choice only and may be limited.
- 10. Children must be supervised at all times over the Christmas period and especially in the pool area.
- 11. All dietary and allergen requirements must be communicated at time of booking and confirmed again when making menu choices. Any special dietary and allergen requirements are not available to request on the day. All requests are treated with extra care, nevertheless due to the nature of our offering and kitchens we cannot guarantee that any item served is 100% allergen or intolerance free.
- 12. The hotel reserves the right to change the way food is delivered or presented (including substituting whole dishes or elements thereof) in accordance with government guidelines enforced, supply chain issues, or any crises that may arise of which the hotel is not responsible for, without prior notice.
- 13. Should the hotel, for reasons beyond its control (due to government guidelines restrictions or any other national or local crises), need to change, modify or otherwise amend the format, dining style, music, entertainment, offering, or timings of the Event, then it will use all reasonable endeavours to make comparable alternatives and/or facilities at no additional cost. These alternatives and/or facilities shall form the limit of the hotel's liability in respect of the Event.
- 14. In the event that the hotel is unable for reasons beyond its control to offer any reasonable alternatives and/or facilities, or cancel the Event, then any monies paid in advance in respect of the Event shall be refunded. Such refund shall represent the full and entire liability of the hotel to the Client and the Client shall have no further claims whatsoever against the hotel whether under this contract or otherwise.



# CHRISTMAS GIFTS VOUCHERS

Choose from a range of gift vouchers for leisure breaks, spa treatments, dining experiences and more. Shop online right up until Christmas Eve to receive your voucher(s) for Christmas Day if you select delivery via email.

Discover a huge range of beauty and pampering gifts available in our spa reception. To purchase gift vouchers, please visit our website.

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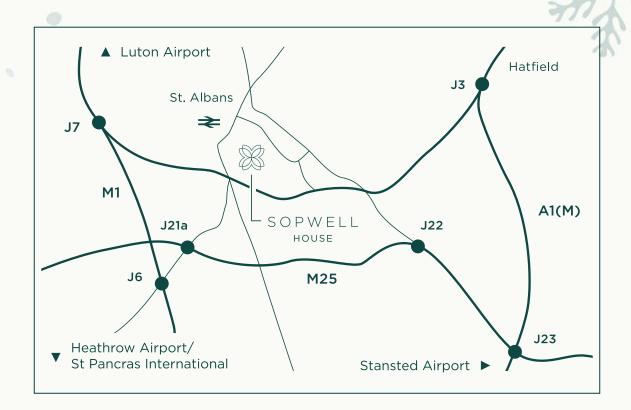
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